

School Finance Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, August 28, 2006

Subject / Name	Issue	Suggestions / Resolution
Minutes Review	No corrections were made to the minutes.	
School Finance Beacon	Jill asked for comments on the Beacon. Sandy enjoyed the Philipsophicals section. Karen said that she thought School Finance did a good job with the newsletter.	
Prop 301	<p>Sandy stated that school districts did not receive all their 301 monies. She spoke to a JLBC representative. Sandy would like to have SFAC bring forward this situation to the legislature for this year. Peoria USD currently has a \$1.9 million shortfall due to prior years not being paid at 100%. Lyle stated that there is no provision to build a catch up. We can make a catch up payment if there is more money than the per pupil amount. Karen stated that 2005/06 allocation was set at \$343 for budget adoption, revised to \$326 and finally paid at \$320. If there is additional revenue, Lyle and Lori are working with Steve from JLBC to possibly make up the payments to the LEAs. Any deficit would be considered when the rate is set by the JLBC for two years after the current fiscal year of the deficit.</p> <p>Brian Mee stated that it would appear as a teacher cut if in the current fiscal year we lessen the amount to say \$300 in order to catch up prior years. Rather, it would be better to keep the allocation at the same amount to make up the shortage.</p> <p>Lyle would like to see us make 12 payments in one year rather than two payments behind. Phil recommends that we separate the two issues so that if one doesn't pass, the other isn't stuck.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A subcommittee was formed and Sandy will head the subcommittee; George Zigler and Karen Havird will also participate on the committee. The subcommittee should form 2 – 3 recommendations; should include language to have all payments made within the FY that the money comes in. 2. Lyle stated that we will get everyone the current deficit number for all districts.
12 vs. 10 APOR Payments	Brian Mee suggests that the committee look further into determining why districts are not paid in August and November. Is this practice still pertinent?	Lyle agreed to look into this and Jill will remind him about it.
Request for Standing Subcommittee for SAIS Policy Decisions	Rather than a subcommittee, Scott Little stated that he would be satisfied with being able to publicly comment on proposed policy. The committee as a whole seemed satisfied with the Informal Guidance Letters.	As ADE School Facilities considers a policy change, they wil bring the item to SFAC and allow time for them to gather input from their SAIS users.
Concurrent Enrollment	Phil suggests the next step is for School Finance to incorporate the subcommittee's recommendation into the revised concurrency rules. Phil asked if the subcommittee would like to revisit the recommendation to include anything further. The subcommittee agreed to revisit it. Teddy suggested that the revised recommendation include discussion of Summer Withdrawal.	Rose or Karen will send any revisions to the Concurrent Enrollment subcommittee recommendation to Jill so that she may distribute it to the School Finance committee that is looking into revising the concurrency rules.
Auditable ADM	Art Heikkila introduced himself as the new Audit Manager and discussed the direction of the Audit Shop.	

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Call to the Audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding FDK, George suggested to Chuck Essigs at AASBO that LEAs get fully funded on the capital side, even if they are funded on the M&O side. George wanted to know why Grants Management isn't under School Finance. George asked SFAC if other districts experienced an increase in Title I paperwork requirements. Brian Mee asked that we raise the priority about Excused vs. Unexcused absences. Brian Mee asked that the Capital Growth subcommittee recommendation be brought to Superintendent's Horne's FY08 agenda. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> George suggested to the committee to request at AASBO and other groups to request full funding for FDK capital. Brian will send the capital recommendation to Jill and Jill will send it to SFAC. Jill needs to look at the absence approvals to determine when a district and/or charter is paid off the adjusted ADM.
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Action Items / Commitments	
Jill Heikkila	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute the Concurrent Enrollment subcommittee recommendation to the School Finance committee that is looking into revising the concurrency rules. Send Capital Funding subcommittee recommendation to SFAC after receiving from Brain. Look at the absence approvals to determine when a district and/or charter is paid off the adjusted ADM.
Rose Whelihan and/or Karen Havird	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rose or Karen will send any revisions of the Concurrent Enrollment subcommittee recommendation to Jill so that she may distribute it to the School Finance committee that is looking into revising the concurrency rules.
Prop 301 Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandy Wilkins will head the newly formed Prop 301 subcommittee; George Zigler and Karen Havird will also participate on the committee. The subcommittee should form 2 – 3 recommendations; should include language to have all payments made within the fiscal year that the money comes in.
Brian Mee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian will send the Capital Funding subcommittee recommendation to Jill.
Lyle Friesen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain the deficit numbers for Prop 301 (Jill will send out to SFAC.) Look into 12 APOR payments rather than the current 10 payments.
LEA SFAC Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> George suggested to the committee to request at AASBO and other groups to request full funding for FDK.

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Members in Attendance

Members			ADE Staff
Patricia Beatty	Scott Little	Tina Norton	Teddy Dumlao
Lori Garvey	Lucia Marrufo	Brenda Thomas	Lyle Friesen
Angela Germinaro	Brian Mee	Rose Whelihan	Dolores Gerritse
Karen L. Havird	Montie Morris	Sandy Wilkins	Art Heikkila
Michele Kaye	Linda Munk	George Zeigler	Jill Heikkila
			Phil Williams

Acronyms

AASBO	Arizona Association of School Business Officials	M&O	Maintenance and Operation Fund
ADE	Arizona Department of Education	NAVIT	Northern Arizona Vocation Institute of Technology
ADM	Average Daily Membership	RTC	Regional Training Center
AFR	Annual Financial Reports	SAN	Storage Area Network
AG	Auditor General	SDAR	Student Detail Activity Report
CCD	Common Core Data	SDER	School District Employee Report
CEC	Certificate of Education Convenience	SF	School Finance
CSF	Classroom Site Fund	SFAC	School Finance Advisory Committee
EVIT	East Valley Institute of Technology	SFB	School Finance Board
IRR	Instructions for Required Reports	SMS	Student Management System
JTED	Joint Technological Education District	USFR	Uniform System of Financial Records
LEA	Local Education Agency		